



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

St. Francis Xavier	Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Most Precious Blood	Sunday	8:30 a.m.
St. Francis Xavier	Sunday	10:30 a.m.

PARISH PRIEST, Rev. Kerry J. Brennan
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OFFICE HOURS
Mon to Thurs – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fridays - Closed

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR	Nancy Connors
FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR	Steve Dregas
C.W.L. PRESIDENT	Carol Sulpher
K of C GRAND KNIGHT	Dean Black
CEMETERY BOARD CHAIR	Mike Coulas
CEMETERY CONTACT	Bob Gervais Ext. 3



Most Precious Blood Catholic Church

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Calabogie, ON K0J 1H0
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

First Friday before and after 8:00 a.m. mass @ St. Francis Xavier Parish
Or by appointment. Contact one of the Priests.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Priest

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Father Brennan at least six months before proposed celebration as a preparation program is required

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Suspended until further notice

COMMUNION TO THE SICK / SHUT-INS

Contact the parish office to arrange this ministry

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

St. Thomas the Apostle, Renfrew - (613) 432-3137
<https://rccdsb.edu.on.ca/our-schools/st-thomas-the-apostle/>

St. Joseph's, Calabogie - (613) 752-2808
<https://rccdsb.edu.on.ca/our-schools/st-josephs-calabogie/>

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School - (613) 432-5846
<https://sites.google.com/rccdsb.ca/jagpride/home>

Sunday Offerings

St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, January 9, 2023	\$3,133.75
Envelopes	\$2,403.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 270.00
Loose:	\$ 460.75
Attendance:	291
Sunday, January 16, 2023	\$2,991.00
Envelopes	\$2,540.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 270.00
Loose	\$ 181.00
Carillon Bell to date	\$ 770.00
New Year's	\$2,407.00
Initial Offering	\$1,215.00
Attendance:	301

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, January 9, 2023	\$ 879.00
Envelopes	\$ 809.00
Loose	\$ 70.00
Attendance:	38
Sunday, January 16, 2023	\$ 688.60
Envelopes	\$ 553.60
Loose	\$ 135.00
Sister Betty Fund to date	\$2,130.00
Carillon Bell to date	\$9,790.00
New Year's	\$ 350.00
Attendance:	58

Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parishes.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS		
Mon. Jan. 23		
		Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Jan. 24		
8:00am	Ray Smaggus by Doreen Ballard	
Wed. Jan. 25		
8:00am	Special Intentions by Gerry Craig	
Thur. Jan. 26		
8:00am	Repose of the Soul of Jeanette Holmes & Son Brian by Carolyn, Jason, Scott & Gregory Holmes	
Fri. Jan. 27		
8:00am	Norm Ilan by Joan Skebo & Family	
Sat. Jan. 28		
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan	
Sun. Jan. 29		
Calabogie 8:30 am	Garry Reddy Clarke, Colleen & Family	
10:30am	Jeff Herrick by Mackie & Joanne McLaren Harvey, Janet & Mel McLaughlin by Mike & Betty Coulas	

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS		
Mon. Jan. 30		
		Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Jan. 31		
8:00am	Bill Ringrose by Gerry & Jack Craig	
Wed. Feb. 1		
8:00am	Bill Ringrose by Garry & Susan O'Neil	
Thurs. Feb. 2		
8:00am	Deceased members of the Gray & Craig Families by Gerry Craig	
Fri. Feb. 3		
8:00am	Dalton Enright by Philip & Mary Angela Williams	
Sat. Feb. 4		
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan	
Sun. Feb. 5		
Calabogie 8:30 am	Bridget Dedo by Gordon Norton	
10:30am	Preston O'Grady David & Carol Sulpher	

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2023

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Amanda Elmlinger and Donald Kane.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Mary Visutskie, Dave Taylor, Donna Lauzon, David Dregas, Father Steve Ballard, Diane Burns, Yvonne Kohl, Marie Budden, Marcella Cybulski, Darlene Shields, Annlea O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Georges & Jeannette Blanchette.

If you have a family member in the hospital or at home and wish a priest to visit, please call the office to arrange.

2022 Income Tax Receipts: Receipts are now ready. If you'd like to drop a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket, I'd be happy to mail it to you. If you would like it e-mailed to you, kindly just send me an email and I'd be happy to send it to you. And of course, you can always drop by the office and pick it up. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to sustaining the ministries and facilities here at S.F.X. Please note there are some receipts that were not picked up from last year, so if you think you may have forgotten to pick it up kindly just let me know and I will send it with your 2022 receipt. This would be a good time to update your records, if you've **moved or changed your phone number**, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

2023 Envelopes: Still some left to be picked up at the front doors. Also, it would be helpful if you would **write your name on your 2023 envelopes for a few weeks**. Some envelope numbers have changed, and we wish to ensure that the correct person is credited.

THE EVANGELIZATION TEAM *Pastoral Orientations for Parish Renewal and Growth (Part 5) – By Pierre-Alain Giffard, Director of Pastoral Work:* This is part five of the article [Pastoral Orientations for Parish Renewal and Growth](#), which discusses principles that characterize missionary parishes. In this part we present principles thirteen to sixteen. ([Read more...](#))

VOCATIONS

1st Thursday Holy Hours to Pray for Vocations: On February 2nd, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Douglas – "Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:37-38). The vocations office is beginning a new prayer initiative in 2023. The First Thursday of each month there will be a Holy Hour to pray for priestly vocations. The Holy Hour will be in a different parish of the diocese each month. It will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Music, a reflection by a priest, a Rosary for vocations, and time for silent prayer. The first Holy Hour will be at St. Joseph Parish, QC (10 minutes from Pembroke) with the reflection given by Fr. Scott Murray. These Holy Hours are open to everyone, not just those considering a priestly vocation. **The topic of the reflection will be "Candlemas - A Light to Reveal You to the Nations (Lk. 2:31)".**

CHANGE OF PROGRAMMING – Image of God Monthly Women's Sessions: Next session – Wednesday, February 8th from 7-8 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew. February Topic: **READY FOR THE WORLD – Training, formation and catechesis – the difference will mean the world to your family.** Join us for IMAGE OF GOD monthly evening sessions for Women. This event is being hosted by the Family Life and Youth Ministry Office, with guest speaker Patrick Sullivan, Lay Evangelist, and is open to all. Each evening has a different topic and will include time for discussion. The purpose is to grow in your spiritual health, your spousal relationship and parenting skills. No matter what age you are, you will find this very helpful. Please enter through the small Parish Hall doors. For more information contact Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com. **Please note that there will be NO men's group for now.**

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS: *Marriage Preparation Program:* The Winter Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is coming up on Saturday, February 25th and Saturday, March 11th, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew. **Deadline to register is February 11th.** Registration is available online at www.pembrokediocese.com, or a form can be obtained from any parish and mailed in. Inquiries can be directed to Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com.

CWL Meeting: There will be **no general CWL meeting** during the month of January. However, your executive will be meeting to make plans for the first half of the new calendar year. Our next general meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023**. At this meeting there will be an instructed vote on one small change to our constitution, as recommended by our national executive."



Renfrew and Area Seniors' Home Support Inc. Breakfast/Brunch: Sunday, February 19, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 Adults and \$5 for children. Payment at the door. For more information, please call the Home Support office at 613-432-7691.



SHROVE TUESDAY-PANCAKE SUPPER St Francis Xavier parish will be hosting a pancake supper on **Tuesday February 21st in the parish hall between 4:30-7:00**. Freewill offerings will be accepted with the donations going towards Renfrew Hospice. Come and bring a friend.

2023 Northern Ontario Catholic Youth Leadership Conference - LEVEL UP, Find Your Purpose - North Bay, Ontario, Feb. 25:

This event is for ages 13-19 and includes a day full of prayer, music, workshops, games, Catholic vendors and motivational talks from **Keynote Speaker, Ken Yasinski**. Ken Yasinski has been speaking full time for 20 years within the Catholic Church. He is the founder of Face to Face Ministries, a Lighthouse Catholic Media Speaker, author, and songwriter. This event is being hosted by the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registration information can be found at www.holynamestalphonsus.com/levelup. Young people from all over Northern Ontario and beyond are welcome to attend this Conference. The **Diocese of Pembroke, Family Life and Youth Ministry Office**, is organizing transportation to attend this 1 day conference. The **cost is \$30.00 per participant (includes transportation, lunch and dinner)**. Deadline is Friday Feb. 17th. Contact Yvette for more information or to receive a registration form. (613) 585-6301 or yvettebourque@pembroke.diocese.com.

Parish Mission Exciting News! We are having a Parish Mission here at St. Francis Xavier led by Mr. Patrick Sullivan. Our Parish Mission will be held at 7 p.m. in the Church on **Monday Feb. 27th, Wednesday March 1st and Thursday March 2nd**. Each evening will consist of a talk at 7 p.m. **Monday Topic: Your Life is Worth Saving**: As a general rule we don't see ourselves clearly, and because we don't, far too often too many spiritual ills afflict us. Join us, as we examine our lives in light of the seven deadly sins, and work hard at seeing ourselves through the eyes of the God of mercy. On **Wednesday March 1st Confessions will be heard from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Church**. **Wednesday Topic: Your Life is Worth Living**: Far too many of us are confused about spiritual growth and what it could mean for our lives. Tonight, we discuss some wonderful virtues, and we work hard on attaining them so that we can become the very people that we hope to be. **Thursday March 2nd at 7 p.m. Thursday Topic: Your Life is Worth Sharing**: The world needs you, and it can't wait for you to become perfect before that happens. In this final talk, we discuss some very practical ways that you can live so that your light gives light to many others. Each evening there will be time for questions. Join us for this special time of reflection and prayer!

Prayer for the Parish Mission

Holy Father, great God of love and mercy, You have surrendered everything for love of us. May we learn to surrender everything for love of You. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may do Your will and not our own. Help us to love you above all things and to love Your people the way You have commanded us. Quiet our minds and hearts that we may be open to the gift of your truth, and grant that our Parish Mission may be:

a time of Grace for all, a time of growth for the young, a time of refreshment for the old, a time of renewal for families, a time of healing for the broken, a time of joy for the sorrowing, a time of challenge for the complacent, a time of forgiveness for the sinner, a time of strength for the holy, a time of homecoming for all who have been away.

We beg you these things, Holy Father, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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JANUARY SANCTUARY LAMP: for Deceased Parents and Relatives by Father Brennan

Anyone interested to reserve a month for the year 2023 may stop by the Sacristy to place your name and your intentions on the sheet, or you can call Theresa at SFX office to reserve your month. The cost is \$20.00. We have the months June, August & September available.

KINDERGARDEN REGISTRATION:


Kindergarten registration at Renfrew County Catholic District School Board is opening soon! From January 23rd - February 3rd go to www.rccdsb.ca to enrol your child and learn more about our inclusive, caring and engaging Kindergarten programs. Then make an appointment with your designated school to finalize your registration. Come learn, laugh, pray and play at RCCDSB! Truly Schools to Believe In!

